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## Typed letter from Paul McKay Jr. to Richard Robinson, 1870, May 23

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Thomas G. Clemson  
May 23, 1870

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C O P Y

1/19/65

Mr. Richard Robinson  
United Hosiery Mills Corp.  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Dick:

I've dug up about all the information concerning the background of my Grandfather and here 'tis:

Robert McCay 1846-1908

Robert McCay and his twin brother were born in 1846 near Pendleton, S.C., the sons of Martin Stanley and Martha Collins McCay. He was born and reared on a plantation adjoining the Calhoun Plantation, known as Fort Hill and, as a boy, was a constant visitor at Fort Hill.

In 1862 at the age of 16 both Robert and his twin Brother, William, joined the Confederate Army and saw active service with the cavalry.

Robert McCay came home from the war at the age of 19 and like most of the boys that came home found his world, as he had known it, turned up-side down. It was sometime after his return home that Mr. Thomas G. Clemson wrote him the letter of recommendation.

We are not sure, but have been told, that Robert McCay was an overseer for a time on the Clemson Plantation. He did, however, become an overseer for John Brinsdon, an Englishman, who had bought a plantation near Pendleton and who, with his family, lived there for several years.

Robert McCay married the daughter of John Brinsdon in 1870, whose maiden name was Florence Rich Brinsdon. They lived at Cherry Hill for about three years. In 1874 he, with his wife and young daughter, moved to Franklin County in Georgia. They reared a family of four daughters and one son, Paul W. McCay, Sr.

It has been said that Robert McCay's grandfather, Capt. Daniel McCay, a Confederate soldier, who was born in the Highlands of Scotland, spelled his name MacKay in Scotland, instead of the way it is now (McCay).

Dick, this is about all I can scrape up and hope it will be of some use.

Regards,

Paul W. McCay, Jr.

P.S. Robert McCay did not go to Texas, as I thought. Several young men that fought in the war did go there because of political situations at that time, taking with them letters of recommendation.

The letter of course  
is dated 1870.